

is a tax cut, and they are going to use Medicare to pay for it, and make no mistake about it, and it is not scare tactics. It is telling the senior citizens the truth, and that is what scares them.

Mr. SABO. The gentleman from North Carolina has good judgment.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DELAY].

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this sad alternative to a real balanced budget.

The President agreed almost a month ago to balance the budget using honest numbers. Instead, he has offered us this budget, unbalanced and discredited.

This budget alternative has been discredited for two simple reasons. It does not balance. It will not get any support from an overwhelming bipartisan majority of this House.

First, the budget does not balance. It does not even come close to balancing. Even with a parade of smoke and mirrors that would make Houdini blush, the President's budget still remains \$87 billion short of balance.

Why is reaching balance so important? Because if we do not reach balance, we cannot get the balanced budget dividend.

The President wants his cake, and wants to eat it too. That may work in the White House, but it does not work in the real world.

To get interest rates down, to give middle-class families a break on car loans, on mortgage rates, on school loans, we need a balanced budget.

And if my colleagues do not believe me, look what happened yesterday on the stock market.

Second, this budget will not come close to receiving a majority vote in this House, and that opposition will be bipartisan. Members on both sides realize that the President's budget is a loser.

My question to the President is this: If you knew it was wildly unpopular, why did you put it on the table?

And that is the real reason why we are voting on this alternative. We have not been able to engage the President in honest discussions, so we are forced to show the American people where the administration has failed. And it has failed miserably.

So, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to send the President another message:

Get serious on a real balanced budget. Keep your promise, keep your word, and work with the Congress to save America's future.

Balance the budget now.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. PAYNE].

Mr. PAYNE of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, sometimes the answers to our problems are so obvious that we miss them entirely, and that is exactly what is happening right now in this debate.

With the budget developed by the Democratic coalition, we can break this impasse right now. We can give the American people the best Christmas present ever: A budget that is balanced fairly and equitably.

Our plan balances the budget in 7 years under CBO scoring, it reduces the deficit faster and deeper than the Republican plan, and it provides greater resources to programs vital to working Americans.

But let me use my time to focus for a moment just on Medicare.

The Coalition has developed a Medicare reform plan that meets the demand of the American people for fairness, and efficiency and reform. It assures the solvency of Medicare through the year 2014. It asks all participants in Medicare to share in protecting the program's future. It achieves private-sector innovations, including provider sponsored networks and private-sector managed care. It provides expanded coverage for preventive care. It avoids the deep cuts that threaten the future of rural hospitals in my district and other rural areas.

Our bill provides \$100 billion more for Medicaid than does the Republican Conference plan, and by doing so it insures health care coverage for our most vulnerable citizens and for our rural communities. This is why an increasing number of health providers are lining up behind the coalition's Medicare reforms.

Just last Thursday, the American Hospital Association issued a statement which said it is time for a bipartisan solution on the budget and on Medicare and Medicaid, and the coalition plan is a good framework. More than a dozen other leading organizations have joined the AHA in praising our budget's health care provisions.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SCARBOROUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of family matters.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. YATES of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) after 3 p.m. today, on account of personal business.

Mr. EDWARDS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of the birth of his son.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MILLER of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OLIVER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POSHARD, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. MORELLA) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DICKEY, for 5 minutes, on December 21.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHADEGG, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes each day, today and on December 20.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes each day, today and on December 20.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SAXTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOODLATTE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, on December 20.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A joint resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S.J. Res. 38. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 395. An act to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building to be constructed at the southeastern corner of Liberty and South Virginia Streets in Reno, Nevada, as the "Bruce R. Thompson United States Courthouse and Federal Building."

H.R. 660. An act to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain

familial status discrimination prohibitions granted to housing for older persons.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 369. An act to designate the Federal Courthouse in Decatur, Alabama, as the "Seybourn H. Lynne Federal Courthouse," and for other purposes.

S. 965. An act to designate the United States Courthouse for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Albert V. Bryan United States Courthouse."

S. 1465. An act to extend au pair programs.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 660. An act to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain familial status discrimination prohibitions granted to housing for older persons.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WELDON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 20, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1848. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to Rwanda (Transmittal No. 05-96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

1849. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to Rwanda (Transmittal No. 08-96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

1850. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report to Congress on Brazil's status as an adherent to the Missile Technology Control Regime [MTCR], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2797b-1; to the Committee on International Relations.

1851. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1852. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1994, pur-

suant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1853. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year, if any, and the budget year provided by House Joint Resolution 122 and H.R. 2126, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-578); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1854. A letter from the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of December 18, 1995]

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2689. A bill to designate the U.S. Courthouse located at 301 West Main Street in Benton, IL, as the "James L. Foreman United States Courthouse" (Rept. 104-410). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2111. A bill to designate the Social Security Administration's Western Program Service Center located at 1221 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA, as the "Francis J. Hagel Building"; with amendments (Rept. 104-411). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2061. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 1550 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, OR, as the "David J. Wheeler Federal Building" (Rept. 104-412). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1718. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 197 South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, PA, as the "Max Rosenn United States Courthouse" (Rept. 104-413). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2481. A bill to designate the Federal Triangle project under construction at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in the District of Columbia, as the "Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center" (Rept. 104-414). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2415. A bill to designate the U.S. Customs Administrative Building at the Ysleta/Zaragosa Port of Entry located at 797 South Ysleta in El Paso, TX, as the "Timothy C. McCahren Customs Administrative Building"; with amendments (Rept. 104-415). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2504. A bill to designate the Federal Building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the U.S. courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, NC, as the "Veatch-Baley Federal Complex" (Rept. 104-416). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2547. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 800 Market Street in Knoxville, TN, as the

"Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse" (Rept. 104-417). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2556. A bill to redesignate the Federal building located at 345 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park, CA, and known as the Earth Sciences and Library Building, as the "Vincent E. McKelvey Federal Building" (Rept. 104-418). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 369. An act to redesignate the Federal Courthouse in Decatur, AL, as the "Seybourn H. Lynne Federal Courthouse", and for other purposes (Rept. 104-419). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 965. An act to redesignate the U.S. Courthouse for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria, VA, as the "Albert V. Bryan United States Courthouse" (Rept. 104-420). Referred to the House Calendar.

[Submitted December 19, 1995]

Mr. QUILLEN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 312. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2539) to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-425). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MCINNIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 313. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 558) to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (Rept. 104-426). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 2808. A bill to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until March 31, 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. UPTON (for himself and Mr. FARR):

H.R. 2809. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the requirement that States pay unemployment compensation on the basis of services performed by election workers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 2810. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that cafeteria plans which provide for grandfathered 401(k) plans may also provide for contributions to section 457 plans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 2811. A bill to designate the nature preserve located at the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant in Calverton, NY, and administered by the Department of the Navy as the "Otis G. Pike Preserve"; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. THORNBERRY:

H.R. 2812. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the rate of tax on liquefied natural gas shall be equivalent to the rate of tax on compressed natural gas; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. THOMAS:

H. Con. Res. 123. Concurrent resolution to provide for the provisional approval of regulations applicable to certain covered employing offices and covered employees and to be